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INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 20, 2001, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to April 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 24, 29 and 34 as follows.

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24. (Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising:

a recording head provided with a nozzle, said recording head being operable to jet ink particles through said nozzle; and

a flushing signal generating unit operable to generate a flushing signal that causes said recording head to jet only main ink particles through said nozzle so as to not form a mist.

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29. (Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising:

a recording head provided with a nozzle, said recording head being operable to jet ink particles through said nozzle; and